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- [1](#)B. STATE 150113 (NOTAL)
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[1](#)1. (SBU) The Department does not object to the Ambassador accepting the Saudi Deputy Petroleum Minister's invitation to participate in representational events on the margins of the November 17-18 OPEC summit in Riyadh. We understand from ref A that the Ambassador has been invited to two dinners, at least one of which will be attended by other diplomats, and he may have an opportunity to attend other representational events.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Consistent with general Department guidelines for USG participation in multilateral events, substantive contact should not be initiated with leaders or officials of Iran or Syria.
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